

2020 Congressional Art Competition

Dear Teacher,

Each spring, a nation-wide high school art competition is sponsored by the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Congressional Art Competition began in 1982 and is a unique opportunity to showcase the artistic talents of high school students around the nation and within the 2nd Congressional District. Since its inception, over 650,000 high school students have been involved with this nationwide competition. The Congressional Art Competition is an opportunity to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation, as well as in each Congressional District.

The Congressional Art Competition, sponsored by my office, is open to all high school students attending a high school located in the 2nd Congressional District of Massachusetts. The piece that is judged the overall winner of our District's competition will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol. The exhibit in Washington will also include artwork from other competition winners nation-wide. Two roundtrip airline tickets are provided to the winner and a guest to attend the national reception in Washington, D.C. Category prize winners' artwork may be requested to be displayed in my district offices for one year.

The date and location of the Art Show, along with drop off dates will be forwarded shortly.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Eladia Romero at 978-466-3552 eladia.romero@mail.house.gov or Kelly Brissette at 508-831-7356 kelly.brissette@mail.house.gov.

I look forward to the participation of your students and I look forward to seeing all their great artwork.

Sincerely,

James P. McGovern
Member of Congress

2020 Congressional Art Competition

- General Guidelines
- Student Checklist
- Student Information/Release Form

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This packet provides information on how to enter your selected pieces of artwork for the 2020 Congressional Art Competition. Your artwork must comply with the enclosed guidelines and specifications to be accepted.

Artwork must be dropped off by your teacher to one of my district offices with:

- 1. the Student Release Form affixed to the back and**
- 2. a copy of the first page of the Student Release form**

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There will be a reception for all entrants, date and location will be forwarded shortly. Pieces will be judged by a panel of local artists and winners will be announced at 10:00am.

Art will be judged in the following categories:

- Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (It is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)
- Collages: must be two dimensional
- Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
- Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-generated art
- Photographs

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General Guidelines

The 2020 Congressional Art Competition is open to high school students attending a high school located within the Massachusetts 2nd Congressional district.

Artwork **must** be two-dimensional.

Each piece can be **no larger** than 26” high x 26” wide x 4” deep **including the frame**. No framed piece should weigh more than 15 pounds.

Artwork accepted mediums are as follows:

- Painting (Oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.)
- Drawings (colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal. It is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)
- Collage (must be two dimensional)
- Prints (lithographs, silkscreen, block prints)
- Computer-generated art
- Photography
- Mixed Media (use of more than two mediums listed above)

Artwork must be dropped off at one of my district offices.

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Drop off Artwork – Date to be determined.

Pick Up Artwork – Date to be determined.

Each piece of art must have a completed Student Information/Release Form affixed to the back of the artwork. A copy of the first page of the Student Release Form must be provided to my office at drop off.

Entries must be **original** in concept, design, and execution. It must be in the original medium (not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).

The work may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo (not the student’s own), painting, graphic, advertisement, or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted.

Suitability Guidelines

As outlined in these guidelines, the final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the 2019 Congressional Art Competition exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. While it is not the intent to censor any artwork, we do wish to avoid artwork that is potentially inappropriate for display in this highly travelled area leading to the Capitol.

Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed. It is necessary that all artwork be reviewed by the panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol and any portion not in consonance with the Commission's policy will be omitted from the exhibit

Prizes

The piece that is judged the overall winner of the Massachusetts 2nd Congressional District's competition will be displayed for **one year** in the U.S. Capitol and **cannot** be returned to the students earlier. **Students should, therefore, submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.**

Category prize winners' artwork may be requested to be displayed in my district offices for one year.

Two roundtrip airline tickets are provided to the overall winner and a guest to attend the national reception in Washington D.C.

The overall winner in the Massachusetts 2nd Congressional District Congressional Art Competition may be eligible to receive a minimum Savannah College of Art and Design scholarship of \$3,000 per year, should they apply and be accepted for admission.

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- ☐ I am a high school student (grades 9-12).
- ☐ I attend a high school located in the Massachusetts 2nd Congressional District.
- ☐ I have completed the release form and attached it to the back of my artwork.
- ☐ The release form has been signed by me, my parent/guardian, and my teacher.
- ☐ I have made a copy of the first page of the Student Release Form to provide to your office when my artwork is delivered by my teacher.

My artwork:

- ☐ Is two dimensional
- ☐ Weighs less than 15 pounds when framed
- ☐ Is no larger than 26" high x 26" wide x 4" deep **when framed**
- ☐ Is in one of the following mediums:
 - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
 - Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (It is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)
 - Collages: must be two dimensional
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- ☐ Is **original** in concept, design, and execution and in the original medium
- ☐ Meets the suitability guidelines detailed in this document
- ☐ Does not violate U.S. Copyright Laws

Artwork that does not meet these requirements will not be accepted.

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Student Information and Release Form

- Each entrant must submit a **TYPED** Student Information and Release Form.
- Students should list their mailing addresses, if different from their residential addresses.
- The form requires a description of the artwork, which should be detailed, clearly identifying the major elements of the work.
 - “A painting of two people; the one on the left wears a green sweater and khaki pants; the one on the right wears a black shirt and a striped skirt. A dog sits at their feet” is an example of an acceptable description.
- The second page of the Student Information and Release Form contains a legal release and a certification that the artwork is original in design and execution.
- The student, an art teacher, and a parent or guardian must sign where appropriate. Entries without signed originality certifications and artwork releases may not be accepted.
- A **TYPED** copy of the Student Release Form, signed by the teacher, a parent or guardian, and the student, **must** be securely attached to the back of the artwork to certify the originality of the piece.
- **A copy of the first page of the Student Release Form** must be provided to my office at drop off.

You can find the online student release form here:

<https://mcgovern.house.gov/helping-you/arts-competition.htm>

Worcester

Leominster

Northampton

School Information:

School:			
Teacher Name:			
Teacher e-mail:		Teacher Phone:	

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____

Artwork Received:

Last Name	First Name	Title	Description (include medium)	Release

Received By: _____

Date: _____